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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Docket No: **BLASP2225US**

In re application of:

Applicant: Marco Corbetta

Examiner: William P. Lehner

Serial No.: 10/022,133

Art Unit: 2671

Filing Date: December 13, 2001

Confirmation No. 2796

Title: **METHOD, COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT AND SYSTEM FOR RENDERING  
SOFT SHADOWS IN A FRAME REPRESENTING A 3-D SCENE**

APPEAL BRIEF

VIA FACSIMILE  
M/S Appeal Briefs - Patents  
Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

This Appeal Brief is submitted in the above-identified application in response to the final Office Action mailed April 06, 2004. Appellants' Notice of Appeal was received in OIPE on August 10, 2004. Accordingly, Appellants' Appeal Brief is timely filed, with no extension of time, October 10 being a Sunday and October 11 being a USPTO holiday.

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In the event issues remain in the prosecution of this application, Appellants request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney to expedite further consideration and/or allowance of the claims of this application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$170.00 for the filing of an Appeal Brief by a small entity to Deposit Account #18-0988, Docket No. BLASP2225US. Should a Petition for Extension of Time be necessary for the present Appeal Brief to be timely filed (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary) petition therefor is hereby made and, if any additional fees are required for the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account #18-0988, Docket No. BLASP2225US.


Respectfully submitted,

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